

AGN. NO.

**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
AND DON KNABE**

August 10, 2010

Submittal of Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone Application

The California Enterprise Zone Program was created to stimulate economic growth in economically distressed areas throughout the State of California. The Enterprise Zone Program is a 15-year designation that seeks to generate new private sector investment and growth through the award of State tax credits and incentives.

On April 15, 2010, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a request for applications for Enterprise Zone designation to fill two expiring Enterprise Zones statewide. Applications must be completed and submitted to HCD by September 15, 2010.

The County of Los Angeles (County) is working with the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park in the preparation of a multi-jurisdictional Enterprise Zone application, to be called the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone. The proposed Enterprise Zone will encompass approximately 3,670 acres of commercial and industrial land in unincorporated Walnut Park, Florence-Firestone, Willowbrook and Rancho Dominguez. Because of the small number of available Enterprise Zone

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openings for the entire State, a cooperative effort among the County and the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park makes for a stronger application. The County, which is the lead jurisdiction, will work cooperatively with the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park to implement and maintain the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone for a period of not less than 15 years. If awarded designation, each jurisdiction will be responsible for administration of its own area of the Enterprise Zone.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

1. Authorize the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles to act as an agent of the County in the submission of the application and administration of the joint Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone application with the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park.
2. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign, upon presentation, a resolution that will support a joint Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone application with the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park to the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

1. Authorize the Community Development Commission (Commission) to act as an agent of the County of Los Angeles for the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone application, as a joint application with the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park; submit to the California

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Department of Housing and Community Development an Enterprise Zone application, as a joint applicant with the City of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park; and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to prepare, execute and submit all documents related to the joint Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone application.

2. Authorize the Executive Director of the Commission to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HCD to establish the State Enterprise Zone for areas of unincorporated Walnut Park, Florence-Firestone, Willowbrook and Rancho Dominguez, if selected for designation; and authorize the Executive Director to prepare, execute, and/or submit any other documents necessary for establishment of the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone.
3. Find that submission of an application to the State of California to establish portions of unincorporated Walnut Park, Florence-Firestone, Willowbrook and Rancho Dominguez as a State Enterprise Zone is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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RESOLUTION NO. 77397

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
OF LOS ANGELES AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN
APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR DESIGNATION OF
THE HARBOR GATEWAY COMMUNITIES ENTERPRISE ZONE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles finds that the portions of the unincorporated communities Walnut Park, Florence-Firestone, Willowbrook and Rancho Dominguez included in the Enterprise Zone application area are economically depressed and that designation of the area as an Enterprise Zone is necessary in order to attract private sector investment to the application area; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles will submit a joint application with the Cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park for the purposes of the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone for designation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles authorizes and supports job development, job creation and economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (Commission) is authorized to act as an agent of the County for the purposes of the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone (Enterprise Zone) application for designation; and
2. The Commission will submit a joint application with the Cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park to be designated as an Enterprise Zone; and
3. The Commission will make staffing available to maintain record-keeping, monthly updates on zone activities, and to discuss these activities with Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) program auditors; and
4. The Commission will develop a self-evaluation process to measure its progress in meeting its goals and objectives; and, that this process shall be submitted to the Department for review, approval and inclusion in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prior to final designation; and
5. The Commission agrees to complete all actions stated within the application that apply to its jurisdiction should the proposed Enterprise Zone be awarded designation; and

6. The Executive Director of the Commission, or his designee, is authorized to sign the application, the MOU and other documents necessary for the implementation of the Enterprise Zone; and
7. The Commission, acting as the agent of the County, which is the lead jurisdiction, will work cooperatively with the City of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park to implement and maintain the Enterprise Zone for a period of not less than 15 years.

The foregoing Resolution was on this 10th day of August, 2010
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

By *Gloria Molina*
Chair, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Andrea Sheridan Ordin
County Counsel

By *Behnaz Jashanon*
Deputy

ATTEST:

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By *Lachelle Smitherman*
Deputy

